

REMARKS

Claims 12-22 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-6, 8-11, 23 and 24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration in view of the above-amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-22 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent 6,943,941 to Flagello et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0206347 A1 to Sabia et al.

Although Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12-22 are patentably distinct from claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent 6,943,941 to Flagello et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0206347 A1 to Sabia et al., in order to advance prosecution of the application, enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the period of any term extending beyond the expiration of U.S. Patent 6,943,941.

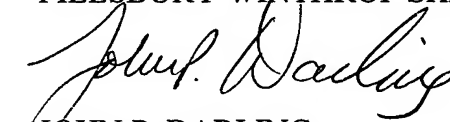
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are allowable and the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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